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# Alabama Board of Nursing Newsletter

## Board Received Regulatory Award & Other News

*The Alabama Board of Nursing* received the 2001 *Regulatory Achievement Award* from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. at the Annual Meeting in August 2001. Board members and staff participated in NCSBN programs, served on committees, and demonstrated leadership in testing, regulation, and evidence-based decision making through research of regulatory issues. The Board was selected out of 61 jurisdictions. Dr. Elaine Klein accepted the award on behalf of the Board.

*Dr. Charlie Jones Dickson*, former Board member, received the R. Louise McManus Award from the National Council at the same meeting. Dr. Dickson received the award for her contributions to the National Council, State of Alabama, and nursing regulation. The award is the highest level of achievement for an individual in nursing regulation. Congratulations Dr. Dickson!

*Governor Don Siegelman* appointed six Board members effective January 1, 2002. Dr. Elaine Klein was re-appointed for a second four-year term in an advanced practice position. New Board members are: Debra Davis, DSN, RN, Dean, College of Nursing, University of South Alabama; Joy Deupree, MSN, CRNP, one-year appointment, UAB School of Nursing; Patricia LeCroy, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Gadsden

Regional Medical Center; Robert Lockwood, Ph.D., Post-Secondary Education, Consumer; and Judy Moore, LPN, Northport. The elected officers for 2002 are: Jeanne Sewell, MPH, RN, President; Marjesta K. Jones, LPN, Vice-President; and David Fagan, LPN, Secretary.

*Board Meeting Dates are Posted on the web site:*  
[www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us)

### ON-LINE RENEWAL IS COMING THIS YEAR!

The State of Alabama awarded a contract to NIC-USA to develop electronic government for the State. The Board of Nursing is the first agency the company is working with to establish on-line transactions. Registered nurses will be able to complete a renewal application on-line, pay the renewal fee(s) with a credit card, and have access to transact renewals 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Other transactions that will be available online include verification to other State Boards, online address changes, and applications for licensure by examination and endorsement. **See page 14 for more information.** Watch the Board's web site for notice of online availability.

#### 2002 Board Members

*Jeanne Sewell, MPH, RN, President*

*Marjesta K. Jones, LPN, Vice-President*

*Joy Deupree, MSN, CRNP*

*Davied Fagan, LPN, Secretary*

*Elaine Klein, PhD, CRNA*

*Peggy Benson, BS, RN, CNA*

*Patricia LeCroy, MSN, RN*

*Peggie Carpenter, LPN*

*Robert Lockwood, PhD, Consumer*

*Joyce Chappellear, MSN, RN*

*Judy Moore, LPN*

*Debra Davis, DSN, RN*

*Billie Rozell, DSN, RN*

*N. Genell Lee, MSN, RN, JD, Executive Officer & Editor*

## Changes in Continuing Education Rules

The Board approved new CE rules that went into effect March 5, 2002. The rules, Chapter 610-X-10 of the *Alabama Administrative Code* can be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us), in the 'Information and Downloads' section.

Highlights of the changes are:

- \* Increased allowed independent study hours to TWELVE. For RN renewal this year, eight hours earned prior to March 5, 2002 may be used. (The law prior to March 5 allowed a maximum of eight hours.)
- \* Effective October 1, 2002, CRNPs and CNMs required to earn six contact hours of pharmacology specific to practice every renewal period.
- \* Effective October 1, 2002, CRNAs required to earn six contact hours of anesthesia-specific pharmacology every two years.
- \* Graduates licensed after October 1, 2002, will be required to earn four contact hours of Board-provided legal-ethical CE related to Board functions, disciplinary action, chemical dependency, and accountability; also required to earn one (1) contact hour per month, prorated depending on month licensed, to a maximum of twenty (20) contact hours.
- \* CE provider fees increased to \$300.00 for four year approval period.
- \* Effective January 1, 2006, Board-approved CE providers required to submit electronic records of contact hours awarded to RNs or LPNs to the Board. The intention is to use the license card to "swipe" with a reader that transmits the information to the Board. Licensed nurses could then have access to the information to determine the number of earned contact hours during a license period.
- \* CE earning period did not change!

## Disciplinary Rules Changed

The Board enacted new discipline rules that went into effect March 5, 2002. Key changes in the discipline rules include:

- ⇒ Definition of *abandonment*: "Acceptance of a patient assignment, thus establishing a nurse-patient relationship, and then ending the nurse-patient relationship without giving reasonable notice to supervisory personnel so that others can make arrangements for continuation of nursing care."
- ⇒ Added disciplinary action for submitting payment of any fees or fines to the Board with a worthless check, invalid credit card, or by any other method that is not honored by the financial institution.
- ⇒ Added a 'Letter of Admonishment' that is not discipline but addresses the reported conduct. Case is closed without disciplinary action. (Not reportable to any databanks).
- ⇒ Provided more specific examples of conduct that could lead to disciplinary action.
- ⇒ Added a cause of action, "Failure to ensure verification of current Alabama licensure and credentials of nursing personnel for whom the nurse is administratively responsible." [Check license cards!]

## Executive Officer Brief

The Alabama legislature revised the Nurse Practice Act in 2001 to allow the Board to accept personal checks. In July 2001, the Board began accepting personal checks for payment of fees and fines.

We are seeing an increasing number of personal checks returned from financial institutions marked "insufficient funds." Sending a

personal check to the Board that is not valid is a risk. In addition to paying the face value of the check, there is a statutory returned check fee (now \$29.00), prohibition from paying future fees or fines with a personal check for at least three years, and possible disciplinary action. See the dishonored check report on page 12.

Need to contact Board staff? A list of staff members is on the Board's web site in the "About the Board" section. Telephone numbers and links to e-mail addresses are listed along with the area of assigned responsibility.

Call us if we can be of assistance to you.

N. Genell Lee

## NCLEX® Readers & Exam Volunteers Needed

Do you read carefully and distinctly? Do you pronounce medical and nursing terms correctly? Are you available to assist NCLEX® candidates? If the answer to these questions is yes, WE NEED YOU!

We would like to call on you occasionally, if needed, to read test items to candidates that need assistance. Test centers are located in Decatur, Birmingham, Montgomery, Dothan, and Mobile. The following criteria are used in selecting readers:

- Will not be a faculty member in a basic/undergraduate nursing education program now or within the next two years;
- Will not be an instructor in any courses, workshops or tutoring activities that involve drilling or coaching on test questions similar in content to those on the NCLEX® examination now or within the next six months; and
- Will not be a student in a nursing education program preparing for entry level licensure.

If you are interested in volunteering, an application can be downloaded from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. web site, [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org).

Three panels are used by NCSBN in test development: (1) item writers, (2) item reviewers, and (3) judges. Volunteer and receive over 30 CE contact hours, paid meeting expenses, opportunity to network and participate in licensure exam process. An application is available at [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org), under 'testing services.'

## Board Staff Update

*Barbara McCant, MSN, RN* joined the staff as an Education Nurse Consultant. Ms. McCant received her BSN from Tuskegee University and her MSN from the Medical College of Georgia. She has extensive experience in nursing education, most recently as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Health Related Programs at Alabama Post Secondary Education.

*Cathy Russell, PhD, RN* is the Nurse Consultant for Research and Quality Management. Dr. Russell recently completed her doctoral studies at Georgia State University. She has experience in research and grant writing as well as nursing education. A former faculty member at Tuskegee University, Dr. Russell most recently worked as a

nursing supervisor in a long-term care facility.

*Dr. Wini O'Brien* retired October 31, 2001 after two years of Board service. *Dr. Jean Mann Lazarus* retired from the Board on April 1 after 12 years of Board service. *Linda Ray*, Executive Secretary, retired May 1 with over six years of Board service. We wish them well!

## In Memoriam

The Board received notice that the following nurses are deceased. Condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones. Should you know the name of a deceased nurse not listed here or in previous newsletters who died within the past year, send an email to the Board office, mail in a newspaper clipping or send a death certificate.

Abbott, Bettye R. 1-010836  
Benson, Rachel L. 1-019350  
Boger, Lynda Clyde Robinson 1-071802  
Bohannon, Jean L. Cleveland 1-007285  
Cason, Terri Suzanne 1-040065  
Clements, Carol Anne 1-037118  
Compagno, Susan Elizabeth 1-027082

Crawford, Vivian 2-018723  
Dawson, Oscar Lee 2-034064  
Davidson, Joe Ann 1-017060  
Garrett, Carolyn 2-007505  
Hightower, Addie Mae 2-002541  
Kirby, Eydie Marie 1-041622  
Lange, Jerrie Lynn 2-041620  
Pearce, Susan Ryan 1-073784  
Pelletier, Mary Ethel 2-029935  
Scott, Camellia E. 2-007866  
Turney, Karen Hickling 1-058543  
Vinson, Kathy Lee 1-035340  
Wakefield, Maxine Lipham 1-018101  
Wheeler, LaMargaret E. 1-051430; 2-005170



## JULY 2001 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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### Voluntary Surrenders for Revocation

Foster, Jerrill Ann	1-071919
Hendershot, Jennifer Marie	1-083909
Hill, Mendy Leigh	1-074510
Hovis, Vickie D. Mitchell	1-024977
Inmon, Christine Nix	1-040025; 2-017049
Irwin, Sandy Alleen	1-052469
Jones, Paula Renee	1-074996
Lewis, Russell Dean	1-066811
Phillips, Shannon Lee	2-044080
Register, Pamela Sue Cannon	1-060512
Russell, Mary Lou McLeod	1-050186
Rutherford, Angela Renee	2-038336
Spence, Stefanie Anne	1-074778
Whitfield, Dana Diane	2-039453

### Suspension Followed by Probation, Fine and/or Reprimand

Camp, Michelle Jeannette	2-049724
Chames, Louise Elayne	2-041357
Coats, Anita Gae	1-066171; 2-019731
Franklin, Lawanda Williams	2-046647
Gilbert, Rosa Alexanders	1-092848
Golden, Cynthia Marie	1-056780
Huie, Rebecca Billette	1-082470
Morgan, Selina Jo-Ann	1-066933
Young, Melva R.	2-008109

### Probation, Fine and/or Reprimand

Berry, Barbara A.	2-005225
Howell, Vickie Ann	1-035866
Tatum, Shelby Jean Parrish	2-028419
Whitehurst, Patricia Ann	2-047143
Yates, Tangelia Forshe	2-026632

### Revocation

Harrelson, Lisa Elaine 2-031059

### Probation and Fine

Campbell, Diane Rebecca	2-043356
Cobb, Julie Ann	2-048702
Dodson, James F.	LPN Exam Applicant
Ivey, Varner Jean	1-085896
Jones, Spencer L.	RN Exam Applicant
Norris, Rhonda Leigh	2-029657
Thomas, Lynda Lee Edwards	RN Endorsement Applicant
Wallace, Rebecca A.	2-017872

### Probation

Rudolph, Myra Latonya RN Exam Applicant; 2-036486

### Public Reprimand and Fine

Browder, Rebecca Meacham	1-078321
Burton, Mary Jean	2-032426
Gentry, Russell Wade	1-065279, CRNP
Gordon, Julia Marie	1-075175
Green, Cresta Mariah	2-048906

### Public Reprimand

Chambless, Melinda Dean	1-088267, 2-036880
Farquhar, Jolene	1-058359
Gongwer, Matthew Glenn	1-061272

### Reinstatement with Probation and Fine

Strope, Sharon Catherine 1-058526; 2-017566

## SEPTEMBER 2001 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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### Public Reprimand

Hites, Annette Kay	1-079343
Wingard, Tuesday Elizabeth	LPN Exam Applicant

### Reinstatement with Probation and Fine

Cloud, Jimmie Katheryn	1-061119; 2-025170
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### Public Reprimand and Fine

Akin, Sean Patrick	1-063423
Comstock, John C.	1-081180
Moore, Rebecca Ann	2-043013
Richardson, Valerie Jean	1-085848
Tran, Chrystal Joyce	2-043653
Wessels, Angela Stinson	LPN Exam Applicant

**SEPTEMBER 2001 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (CONT.)****Voluntary Surrenders for Revocation**

Arrington, Tammy Jean	1-084874; 2-045341
Bullock, Tracey Renee	1-054752
Caufield, Linda Michelle	1-084438
Christian, Leslie Jo	1-081017
Clark, Cindy Marie	2-038801
Collins, Fleance	1-091633
Davis, Debra Irene	1-066428
Gamble, Brenda Joyce	2-045765
Gilford, Catherine Nan	2-040697
Grace, Glenda Fay	2-025392
Green, Cloyd Michael	1-049665
Harbin, Wendy Elisa	2-047557
Hill, Candy Renee	1-063825
Hollingsworth, Deborah Lynn	1-057414
Jackson, Jr., David Wayne	1-084460; 2-042366
Jamison, Julianna Maria	1-058353
Nelson, Connie Yvonne	1-045901
Parks, Janet Karen	2-027528
Stabler, James David	1-070365 CRNA
Watson, Bonnie Gilbert	1-077458
Weeks, Pennie Lynn	1-072832; 2-039447
Wheeles, Brandon Wayne	2-048700
Whitworth, Leslie Dawn	2-046603

**Suspension, Fine and Reprimand**

Owens, Vanginetta McDade	2-039221
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**Suspension Followed by Probation, Fine and/or Reprimand**

Boyd, Judith Marlene	1-070912
Brown, Lillie Francis	1-041795
Downing, Laura Elizabeth Rampey	1-055092
Little, Teresa Hudson	2-038131
Vandergriff, Judith Lynne	2-040443

**Probation, Fine and/or Reprimand**

Barnett, Edith Marie	2-039739
Daniels, Christina Lynn	2-046757
Hatten, Johnnie Mae	1-084141; 2-038683
Keeler, Tina Louise	2-048860

Nelson, Teresa Elaine Edgar	1-078323; 2-011555
Smothers, Lara Ann	1-064313; 2-033191
Upshaw, Lenette Louise	2-046511

**NOVEMBER 2001 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

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**Probation and Fine**

Lovoy, Mary S. Bagley	1-019005
Roberts, Farah Jill	LPN Exam Applicant
Soles, Tonita LeJean Shipman	LPN Exam Applicant

**Probation**

Pettit, Karen Annette Smith	2-044454
Richardson, Wileta	LPN Exam Applicant

**Public Reprimand and Fine**

Rodgers, Lashonda	LPN Endorsement Applicant
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**Public Reprimand**

DeBlieck, Karen Lynn	LPN Exam Applicant
Hedberg, Dale Terry	1-040975; CRNA
Walker, Christy Cheree	LPN Exam Applicant

**Reinstatement with Probation and Fine**

Adams, Chere A. Holman	1-060560; 2-029168
Calhoun, James Delano	1-040238
Terrell, John Charles	1-025369

**Suspension Followed by Fine and/or**

**November 2001 Disciplinary Actions (cont)****Voluntary Surrenders for Revocation**

Carpenter, Audrey Jean	1-069412; 2-033959
Clark, Annissa Lynn	2-047665
Cochran, Jane Ann	1-032049
King, Jacqueline Venessa	1-065372
Lyons, Ellis Levi	1-078494
May, Cheryl Ann Hosey	1-047164
Olsen, Stacy Lynn	2-050199
Pitts, Freda Michelle	1-078092
Rains, Billy Michael	1-021223; CRNA
Rector, Bobbie Suzanne	2-040841
Williams, Verdina M.	2-009166
Zinsmeister, Doris J.	2-007007

**Revocation**

Goff, Jackie Lee White	1-037472; 2-015235
Jeffers, Tonya Dale	2-039040
Milam, Cheryl Jean	1-084524
Prince, III, Wayne Laguori	1-073965
Whatley, Jo Anne Williams	2-021523

**JANUARY 2002 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The Board of Nursing has taken action against the following licensed nurses for violation of the laws and/or rules at the January 2002 meeting. This listing may not reflect changes occurring near or following the publication date, pending appeals or requests for rehearing. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this information. License verification can be made by calling our verification line at (334) 242-0767, or through the Board Office.

**Revocation**

Brown, Willa	1-020403
Farmer, Sherri Lynn	2-045764
Holdridge, Charlotte Anne	2-036185
Huneycutt, Caroline Ann	2-040104
Montgomery, Cartius Lyrone	1-070749
Murray, Bethany Suzanne	1-074233
Oden, Kelly Ann	1-076236
Thomas, Alesia Laverne	2-040414

**Public Reprimand and Fine**

Cook, Shelia Devonne	2-016254
Jones, Laconia Charita	1-083564; 2-026494
Marshall, Mondria Nell	2-041785; RN Exam Applicant
Sheppard, Jr., Marion Lofton	2-018405
Smith, Peggie Gaile	2-028169
Thomas, Patricia Ann	LPN Exam Applicant

**Public Reprimand**

Hoffman, Gregory Gerard	LPN Exam Applicant
Knight, Quanita Ungora	RN Exam Applicant

**Reinstatement**

Baldwin, Ann Nelsina	2-013627
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**Suspension Followed by Probation, Fine**

Black, Elwanda	2-022383
Cantrell, Jason Ryan	1-089999; 2-041893
Cash, Glenda Faye	2-027401
Davis, Jennifer Lyn	2-041997
Fells, Deborah Jean	2-023974
Griffin, Elizabeth Bailey	2-011823
Gothard, Donald Mitchell	1-042060
Jones, Kristine Ruth	1-066443; 2-023467
Knight, Kathy Jean Hodges	1-093998; 2-043004
Manning, Sherri Jean Smart	1-094457
Parrish, Dana Susan	1-061602
Perine, Vanessa Yvette	1-039532
Reese, Stephanie Phyché	2-039275; RN Exam Applicant
Sokoll, Geoffrey Alan	1-067198
Southers, Sarah Anne	1-078633; 2-034451
Stafford, Denise Renee	1-085297

**Reinstatement with Probation and Fine**

Michael, Kimberly Suzanne	2-035565
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**Probation and Fine**

Brown, Josephine Davis	2-045523
Cobern, Verna Jane	1-065887
Conerly, Patrick Mark	2-045848
Hatcher, Ruth Paulette	2-038983
Jones, Evelyn Fisher	1-070971
Kelley, Valerie Denise	2-044818
McDonald, Patricia Anne	2-025023
Miree, Mary Ella	2-047781
Peed, Stacey Diann Burns	1-066308
Pettiford, Cynthia D.	2-010107
Sharman, William Scott	2-039330
Still, Shelly Ann	1-067136
Turner, Timothy Jason	2-047457
Young-Goudy, Shwanna	2-048608

**Voluntary Surrenders for Revocation**

Booth, Jr., Joseph Hunt	1-074880
Brewer, Deidra Dean	1-059054
Bushway, Leigh Ann	1-048393
Carrell, Teresa Denise	1-055064; 2-025397
Cooper, Karen Rose	1-069488
Davis, Tonya Lynn	1-071252
Digiorgio, Robyn Wade	1-045339
Feese, Erica Lynn	1-089597
Griffin, Lisa M. York	1-051468
Helton, Wanda Lynne	2-034142
Henegar, Leslie Kay	1-085600
Hornsby, Cindy Gale	2-051127
Martin, Kimberly Dawn	1-073793
Mixon, Judy Ann Dixon	2-046738
Moody, Kathleen Louise McGraw	1-044968
Parrish, Paisley Leigh-Ann	1-092760
Sherrill, Sharon Elizabeth	1-055677
Sizemore, Sheila Jean	2-018970
Skinner, Wendy Ray	1-072422
Smith, Kimberly Gautney	1-082029
Smith, Susan Ann	1-038097
Tease, Deena Elizabeth	1-083541

## MARCH 2002 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board of Nursing has taken action against the following licensed nurses for violation of the laws and/or rules at the March 2002 meeting. This listing may not reflect changes occurring near or following the publication date, pending appeals or requests for rehearing. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Licensure verification can be made by calling our verification line at (334) 242-0767, or through the Board Office.

### Voluntary Surrenders for Revocation

Cox, Jean Grayson	1-037191
Craig, Becky Lynn	2-049660
Davis, Brenda Rider	2-025071
Dyar, Preston Neal	1-095866
Elliott, Carolyn Ann	2-046258
Evans, Jamie Dianne	1-049572
Fuller, John Lee	1-052136
Gookin, Stacy Ann	1-085455
Hall, Kimberly P.	RL000520
Hicks, Alesia Janine	1-051978
Jones, Evelyn Fisher	1-070971
Moore, Daphne Mattox	2-042931
Morgan, Jennifer Melissa	2-041268
Morgan, Kelli Lane	1-064037
Morris, Anthony Dwayne	1-087642
Morris, Paul Anthony	1-070089; 2-036360
Perry, Teresa Ann	1-063497
Reaves, Jerald Scott	1-085753
Reid, Patricia Carter	2-049706
Simpson, Lizzie Marie	2-033534
Webb, Bryan Otto	2-049846
Williams, Sandra Lorretta	2-026305
Wilson, Cynthia Pretrice	2-040497
Wyatt, Emily Jean	2-022396

### Revocation

Davis, Dara Jo	1-083288
Dendy, Richard Clifton	2-042752
Sawyer, Stephanie Lynn	1-076940

### Suspension Followed by Probation, Fine

Rivers, Mary Jane Peoples	1-071615; 2-012283
Wilson, Mary Ruth	1-074176

### Reinstatement with Probation and Fine

Johnston, Anise Colley	1-068384; 2-031576
Turner, Kristina Ann	1-071314

### Application Denied

Stakely, Ora Lee Tolbert	LPN Exam Applicant
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### Public Reprimand and Fine

Marshall, Delilah Faye	1-078264; 2-034216
Stewart, Kathy Diane	1-061748

### Public Reprimand

McNairy, Qushona Lekee	LPN Exam Applicant
Mullins, Tiffany Leshown	LPN Exam Applicant
Terrell, April Louise	RN Exam Applicant

### Probation, Fine and/or Reprimand

Nesby, Kimberly Renee	LPN Exam Applicant
Strum, Stevie Lee	2-012099
Thompson, Sharon Elaine	1-043908

### Probation

Simmons, Michelle L.	LPN Exam Applicant
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### Advanced Practice Nurses

- The Board should have your current certification in your file. If you re-certified and have not submitted the information to the Board, please do so immediately.
- CRNP & CNM: If you end a collaborative practice, you are required by law to notify the Board of Nursing.
- CRNA, CRNP, CNM, & CNS are protected titles. Approval by the Board of Nursing is required to use an advanced practice nurse title.
- An Advanced Practice Advisory Committee is currently reviewing Chapter 610-X-9 for possible revisions.

### RNs Reactivate Your Inactive License

A registered nurse with an inactive license has until December 31, 2002 to reactivate the license to active status. Any inactive license not reactivated by December 31, 2002 shall lapse. To reactivate, send a reactivation application form (available from our web site), fees, and evidence of 24 contact hours earned within the preceding two years.

As of January 1, 2003, there will be no inactive licenses available in Alabama. The status of the license will be active or lapsed. A *lapsed license does not* require re-testing. Reinstatement of a lapsed license to active status requires a completed application (available from our web site), fees, and 24 contact hours earned within the preceding two years.

**PRO-RATED CONTINUING EDUCATION IF LICENSED  
BY ENDORSEMENT OR REINSTATEMENT**

MONTH OF LICENSURE	YEAR LICENSED RN/LPN	# CONTACT HOURS NEEDED
October	2000/2001	24
November	2000/2001	23
December	2000/2001	22
January	2001/2002	21
February	2001/2002	20
March	2001/2002	19
April	2001/2002	18
May	2001/2002	17
June	2001/2002	16
July	2001/2002	15
August	2001/2002	14
September	2001/2002	13
October	2001/2002	12
November	2001/2002	11
December	2001/2002	10
January	2002/2003	9
February	2002/2003	8
March	2002/2003	7
April – September	2002/2003	0

***Board Investigators  
Hired***

David Pinnock was hired as a special investigator to manage the probation monitoring program. Mr. Pinnock retired from the New York State Police Department after 20 years of service.

Wyatt Gantt was hired as a special investigator. Mr. Gantt retired as a Major from the Montgomery Police Department after 20 years of service. Mr. Gantt will investigate complaints against licensed nurses.

David and Wyatt join Frank Mitchell, John Russell and Chief Investigator Dick Reeves to complete the investigations staff at the Board.

**MAJOR BOARD ACTIONS**

**JULY 2001**

- Reviewed and adopted the minutes of the May 16-18, 2001 Board meeting.
- Reviewed reports of meetings of the Task Force on Board History, Task Force on Chemical Dependency, Rules Committee, Education/Scholarship Committee, Nursing Practice/Discipline Committee, Continued Competence/Continuing Education Committee, Finance Committee, and the Summit Work Group.
- Reviewed and accepted staff reports from the Executive Officer, General Counsel, Administrative Services Officer, and the Chief Investigator for Probation Monitoring.
- Removed Ms. Peggie Carpenter as an alternate delegate and appointed her to serve as a delegate at the 2001 NCSBN Annual Meeting. Appointed Ms. David Fagan to serve as an alternate delegate.
- Reviewed and discussed the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® quarterly results for Alabama nursing education programs.
- Granted the status of "Approval with Deficiency" to Bishop State Community College associate degree nursing program.
- Granted continued full approval status to Coosa Valley School of Nursing at Central Alabama Community College.



## July 2001 Board Actions (continued)

- Restored the Oakwood College associate degree nursing program to "Approval with Deficiency" status, pending receipt of the annual NCLEX results for fiscal year 2001.
- Accepted a compliance report from Jefferson State Community College associate degree nursing program, and restored the program to full approval status.
- Approved the formation of a Research Advisory Council under the leadership of Dr. Charlie Dickson and Dr. Anne Permaloff.
- Approved the process developed by the Executive Officer Evaluation Subcommittee for the annual evaluation of the Executive Officer.
- Approved the Administrative Services Officer, in collaboration with the Executive Committee, to present the appropriate paperwork to the State Personnel Board to remove the Executive Officer from the current merit system pay ranges/salary steps, and request an immediate five percent pay increase for the Executive Officer.
- Approved a request to suspend an ANNA agreement for an ANNA participant who was diagnosed with a terminal illness, and allow the participant's license to be placed on lapsed status with an alert in the licensing database in the event the participant is able to return to the practice of nursing.
- Changed the name of the "Alabama Non-Disciplinary Nursing Approach (ANNA) Program" to the "Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (VDAP)" to be congruent with the law.
- Approved revisions to the "Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (VDAP)" agreement.
- Authorized the Board staff to make retroactively available to individuals under current Board Orders or ANNA agreements the option of attending 12-step meetings or nurse support groups.
- Approved the applicants as recipients of the FY 2001-2002 post-baccalaureate nursing scholarship, as well as alternate recipients.
- Repealed *Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code, Chapters 610-X-6 and 610-X-7*, and adopted the new proposed *Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-6, Standards of Nursing Practice*.
- Suspended the use of all Alabama Board of Nursing Position Statements related to scope of practice, upon promulgation of the *Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-6, Standards of Nursing Practice*.
- Granted exceptions to the limitation on utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners in collaborative practice.
- Denied an exception to the limitation on utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners in a collaborative practice.
- Approved the roster of collaborative practice applications presented to the Joint Committee at its July 17, 2001 meeting.
- Approved a request to waive the requirement of a master's or higher degree in nursing for a certified registered nurse practitioner applicant.
- Approved the development of a national invitational regulatory research conference as the 2002 Spring Continuing Education Conference; issue invitations and a call for abstracts to all Boards of Nursing and other regulatory agencies, schools of nursing, professional associations and other agencies that have an interest in regulatory research; and focus the conference on evidence-based practice and its relation to, or potential impact on regulation.

- Reviewed reports on the 2000 RN audit on continuing education, and providers of continuing education.
- Reviewed a report on the attendance and comments received from the 2001 Spring Continuing Education Satellite Conference held on April 12, 2001.
- Received Mr. Tom Woosley's resignation as President and Board member, effective at the conclusion of the July 2001 Board meeting.

## SEPTEMBER 2001

- Approved the appointment of Dr. Billie Rozell as Vice President of the Board for the remainder of the year.
- Reviewed and adopted the minutes of the July 18-20, 2001 Board meeting.
- Reviewed reports of meetings of the Task Force on Board History, Task Force on Chemical Dependency, Education/Scholarship Committee, Nursing Practice/Discipline Committee, Continued Competence/Continuing Education Committee, Finance Committee, and the Summit Work Group.
- Reviewed and accepted staff reports from the Executive Officer, General Counsel, Administrative Services Officer, and the Chief Investigator for Probation Monitoring.
- Affirmed to abide by the *Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code* regarding inactive license status, as opposed to initiating measures to amend the law to allow for provisions to issue a "retired" license card.
- Appointed Ms. Jeanne Sewell, RN Board member, to serve as the RN member of the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing.
- Recognized Ms. Melissa Parkhurst, CRNP, for her work and service to the Board as a member of the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing.
- Approved a revised organizational chart depicting lines of authority and functionality of the agency.
- Reviewed and discussed the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® quarterly results for Alabama nursing education programs.
- Granted Drake State Technical College practical nursing program the status of full approval.
- Approved an amendment to the Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program agreement to allow for the submission of reports from aftercare staff on a quarterly basis.
- Approved revisions to Consent Orders for licensees who are determined to use or abuse substances or who are chemically dependent.
- Reviewed proposed nursing education program rules and authorized the Board to convene an advisory council to assist the Education Committee in addressing specific issues related to the proposed rules.
- Granted an exception to the limitation on utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners in collaborative practice.
- Approved the roster of collaborative practice applications presented to the Joint Committee at its September 18, 2001 meeting.
- Approved revised standards and guidelines for refresher courses.

## September 2001 Board Actions (continued)

- Approved a revised fee schedule to include a VDAP monitoring fee of \$500.00, a fee for reinstatement of a suspended license; and an increase in the continuing education provider fee from \$200.00 to \$300.00.
- Approved an increase in Board member compensation to \$125.00 per day.
- Approved a policy on parameters for Board travel.
- Approved the Board's budget for FY 2003.

## OCTOBER 2001 CALLED MEETING

- Approved proposed rules, Chapter 610-X-6, Standards of Nursing Practice, for final adoption.

## NOVEMBER 2001

- Reviewed and adopted the minutes of the September 26-28, 2001 Board meeting, and the October 19, 2001 Called Board meeting.
- Reviewed reports of meetings of the Task Force on Chemical Dependency, Rules Committee, Education/Scholarship Committee, Nursing Practice/Discipline Committee, Continued Competence/Continuing Education Committee, Finance Committee, and the Summit Work Group.
- Reviewed and accepted staff reports from the Executive Officer, General Counsel, Administrative Services Officer, the Chief Investigator for Probation Monitoring, and the Director of the Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program.
- Reviewed and discussed the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® quarterly results for Alabama nursing education programs.
- Granted the status of "Approval with Deficiency" to the University of South Alabama College of Nursing baccalaureate degree program.
- Granted full approval status to the University of Alabama at Birmingham baccalaureate degree nursing program.
- Granted the status of "Approval with Deficiency" to Southern Community College practical nursing program.
- Granted full approval status to Southern Union State Community College practical nursing program.
- Granted full approval status to Shelton State Community College practical nursing program.
- Adopted January 23-25; March 13-15; May 15-17; July 17-19; September 18-20; and November 13-15 as meeting dates for the Board in the year 2002.
- Approved a five percent pay increase for the Executive Officer based on her annual evaluation.
- Approved the Executive Officer's goals and objectives for 2002.
- Approved an Executive Officer Evaluation Tool for 2002.
- Approved the addition of a stipulation in all Board Orders with illegal/illicit stipulations mandating the completion of a Board-approved course on chemical dependency.
- Approved the formation of a task force in 2002, utilizing an advisory council, to address regulations relative to "physical and mental conditions," as provided for in the Code of Alabama 1975 §36-21-25 and Chapter 610-X 13 of the Alabama Administrative Code.
- Adopted policy and guidelines for chemical dependency monitoring.
- Accepted annual reports from practical nursing programs and registered nursing programs.
- Issued written notice for failure to evidence an annual average NCLEX pass rate of 75% for the fiscal year ending 2001 to the University of Mobile associate degree program, Lawson State Community College associate degree nursing program, Gadsden State Community College practical nursing program, Central Alabama Community College practical nursing program, and the US Army Reserve 91C PN School.
- Granted the status of "Approval with Deficiency" to Jefferson State Community College associate degree nursing program, Trenholm State Technical College practical nursing program and Wallace State Community College – Selma practical nursing program.
- Granted the status of "Approval with Warning" to Bishop State Community College associate degree nursing program.
- Repealed the existing Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-8, and adopted the new proposed Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-8, Disciplinary Action, and Chapter 610-X-2-.08, Definitions for Disciplinary Action.
- Adopted Chapter 610-X-2-.06, Definitions, Standards of Nursing Practice.
- Approved new "Guidelines for Informal Disposition of Applications/Disciplinary Cases."
- Adopted "Guidelines for Levying Administrative Fines in Disciplinary Cases."
- Approved the performance of "Interrogation of Vagal Nerve Stimulator with and without Voltage Adjustment" as a recognized function for certified registered nurse practitioners within specific guidelines.
- Denied a request to allow injection of botulinum toxin type A for cosmetic improvement of facial lines as an additional skill for certified registered nurse practitioners.
- Denied a request to allow superficial dermal injection of collagen as an additional skill for certified registered nurse practitioners.
- Denied a request to allow sclerotherapy of spider veins as an additional skill for certified registered nurse practitioners.
- Adopted a policy statement on ABN Position Statements.
- Approved the roster of collaborative practice applications presented to the Joint Committee at its November 13, 2001 meeting.
- Denied a request for an exception to the limitation on utilization of certified registered nurse practitioners in a collaborative practice.
- Repealed the existing Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-10, and adopted the proposed Chapter 610-X-10, Continuing Education for Licensure, and Chapter 610-X-10-.10, Definitions, Continuing Education for Licensure.
- Approved changes to the Board's Strategic Plan.
- Elected the following Board officers for 2002: Ms. Jeanne Sewell, President; Ms. Marjesta Jones, Vice President; and Ms. Davied Fagan, Secretary.

## JANUARY 2002

- Adopted the minutes of the November 14-16, 2001 Annual Board meeting.
- Accepted reports of meetings of the Task Force on Board History, Task Force on Chemical Dependency, Rules Committee, Nursing Practice/Discipline Committee, Continued Competence/Continuing Education Committee, and the Finance Committee.
- Accepted staff reports from the Executive Officer, General Counsel, Administrative Services Officer, the Director of the Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program, and the Director of Probation Monitoring.
- Reviewed and accepted Board committee appointments.
- Adopted the Executive Summary as the final report of action for the Task Force on Chemical Dependency, and acknowledged all staff who provided input into the accomplishments of the task force.
- Repealed the existing Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-13, Nondisciplinary Alternative Program for Impaired Nurses, and adopted the new proposed Chapter 610-X-13, Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program, and Chapter 610-X-2, Definitions.
- Adopted a list of treatment providers recognized by the Board as substantially meeting the criteria for Board recognition.
- Recognized Dr. Jean Lazarus and Dr. John Moracco for their excellent research involving the Board-sponsored programs for chemically dependent nurses.
- Approved the practice of tympanograms in the use of a self-contained diagnostic device, with subsequent interpretation and treatment by a qualified prescriber, for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses with documented instruction and demonstrated competence, and approved the practice of "tympanogram with interpretation" for certified registered nurse practitioners with documented instruction and demonstrated competence.
- Denied approval to perform flexible nasolaryngoscopy with incision and drainage of peritonsillar abscess for certified registered nurse practitioner practice, due to the potential for airway occlusion.
- Approved the practice of nasal endoscopy for removal of foreign bodies that are readily accessible, and microscopic ear exam and removal of tympanostomy tubes for patients over age 16 years, for certified registered nurse practitioners, with documented instruction and demonstrated competence.
- Approved the roster of collaborative practice applications presented to the Joint Committee at its January 21, 2002 meeting.
- Approved the purpose, objectives and membership of the Advisory Council on Research.
- Approved Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-4-.13, Fees, for final adoption.
- Approved Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-8, Disciplinary Action, for final adoption.
- Approved Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-2, Definitions, for final adoption.
- Approved Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-10, Continuing Education for Licensure, for final adoption.
- Endorsed the concept of requiring two contact hours of

continuing education specific to HIV every renewal period for registered and licensed practical nurses, but deferred a decision until the Board could conduct a study and collect data on the implications of content-specific continuing education requirements.

## MARCH 2002

- Adopted the minutes of the January 23-24 2002, Regular Board meeting.
- Accepted reports of meetings of the Subcommittee on Board History, Subcommittee on Continuing Education Committee, and the Finance Committee.
- Accepted staff reports from the Executive Officer, General Counsel, Administrative Services Officer, the Director of the Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program, and the Director of Probation Monitoring.
- Accepted reports of the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® quarterly results for Alabama nursing education programs.
- Granted the Northwest Shoals Community College associate degree nursing program the status of "Approval with Deficiency".
- Approved a request from Wallace Community College-Dothan associate degree nursing program to reduce the number of students admitted per year by not admitting new students in summer terms until further notice.
- Approved a request from Southern Union State Community College associate degree nursing program to expand their program to include the Wadley Campus.
- Approved additions to the 2002 ABN Strategic Plan.
- Approved the use of imaging and other technology to provide historical information in a variety of venues, while continuing efforts to identify the historical evolution of the Board with the following goals to be completed this year: (1) identify criteria for systematic retrieval; and (2) establish a hyperlink to the Board's web site.
- Granted the University of South Alabama College of Nursing the status of "Full Approval".
- Endorsed Dr. Elaine Klein in seeking election for the Director at Large position and Ms. Marjesta Jones in seeking election for the Committee on Nominations position with NCSBN.
- Approved the roster of collaborative practice applications presented to the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing at its March 12, 2002, meeting.

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## Chemical Dependency & the Board of Nursing

The Alabama Board of Nursing has two monitoring programs for the chemically dependent licensed nurse. The Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (VDAP) admits eligible nurses who (1) admit the extent of the problem, (2) voluntarily request admission, (3) have no previous discipline, and (4) have no felony convictions. Licensed nurses who are chemically dependent and not eligible for VDAP may be eligible for disciplinary probation. Probation and VDAP monitoring have parallel requirements: (1) monitoring for sixty months; (2) treatment from a Board-recognized provider; (3) payment of a fine (probation) or monitoring fee (VDAP); (4) random drug screening; (5) participation in continuing care for a minimum of one year; (6) attendance at a minimum of three twelve-step meetings per week; (7) submission of monthly self-reports; and (8) submission of quarterly performance reports from the employer.

The Board is currently monitoring 176 licensed nurses in VDAP and 167 on probation. The majority are monitored for chemical dependency or substance abuse. Dr. Jean Lazarus and Dr. John Morocco completed a study of the effectiveness of the Board's two monitoring programs. A monograph of that research is available from the Board for a nominal fee of \$15.00. As a result of the research, the Board established a chemical dependency task force. The task force met several times in 2001 and provided significant recommendations to the Board. The task force met with treatment provider representatives, continuing care facilitators, nurse support group facilitators, and various other individuals to address issues raised by the study. The extension of the monitoring time to sixty months is only one example of the changes made by the Board based on the task force recommendations.

Mandatory reporting requirements were added to Chapter 610-X-6, Standards of Nursing Practice in the *Alabama Administrative Code*. Reporting a nurse who is stealing drugs from a hospital, coming to work impaired from alcohol, or is terminated for violating medication policies is critical to the Board's legal mandate of protection of the public's health, safety and welfare. The Board investigates all written complaints. A complaint form is available in the "Information and Downloads" section of the Board's web site. Written anonymous complaints are also accepted. Reporting could also save a nurse's life who is caught in the spiral of addiction.

The Board recognizes treatment providers from across Alabama. (See next page.) For more information about VDAP, contact Mary Ed Anderson, Nurse Consultant, 1-800-656-5318 or [maryed@abn.state.al.us](mailto:maryed@abn.state.al.us).

### DISHONORED PERSONAL CHECK REPORT (as of April 1, 2002)

Total Returned Checks: 163

Total Dollars: \$11,376.00

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number</u>
Renewal	117
Reinstatement-Lapsed	16
License Verification	11
Endorsement	5
Endorsement-Temp Permit	3
Disciplinary Fine	2
Duplicate Card	3
Examination	2
Examination-Temp Permit	1
VDAP Monitoring Fee	1
CE Late Fee	1
Advanced Practice Change	1

### Definitions

*Alabama Administrative Code*, Chapter 610-X-2 contains definitions for each chapter. If you wonder what the Board means by a "standardized procedure" for example, check out the definitions chapter. You can download the definitions from the Board's web site, [www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us).

### FAQ About Renewal

- ♦ What if I send in my renewal postmarked December 31? *The licensure rules specify that any license not renewed as of December 31 shall automatically lapse. The postmark is not the threshold – it is the renewal status.*
- ♦ Is there a late renewal fee? *Yes. Any licensed nurse who renews between December 1-December 31 must pay a \$100.00 late renewal fee.*
- ♦ Why did the renewal period change? *To allow time for each licensed nurse to receive a license card prior to January 1. The license card should be available to show an employer by January 1 so the change in the renewal period accommodates that requirement.*
- ♦ Do I have to re-test if my license lapses? *No. Submit evidence of 24 contact hours, application and appropriate fees.*

## ***Board-Recognized Chemical Dependency Treatment Providers***

MONTCLAIR RECOVERY PROGRAMS  
750 MONTCLAIR ROAD  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35213  
205-592-5051

PEARSON HALL  
2701 JEFFERSON AVE., S.W.  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211  
205-923-6552

UAB Addiction Recovery Program  
CENTER FOR PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE  
1713 SIXTH AVENUE SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35294-0018  
205-975-8494

MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILTON AND SHELBY COUNTY  
P.O. BOX 679  
CALERA, AL 35040  
205-685-9535

SPECTRA CARE  
2694 SOUTH PARK AVENUE #2  
DOTHAN, AL 36301  
334-671-1919, ext. 221 or 222

THE HARBOR AT THOMAS HOSPITAL  
750 MORPHY AVENUE  
P. O. DRAWER 929  
FAIRHOPE, AL 36532  
251-990-1119

RIVERBEND CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
635 West College Street  
P.O. BOX 941  
FLORENCE, AL 35631  
256-764-3431

MOUNTAIN LAKES SUBSTANCE ABUSE CENTER  
22165 U.S. HIGHWAY 431  
GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976  
256-582-4465

CRESTWOOD MEDICAL CENTER  
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM  
2302 Starmount Circle  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35802  
256-880-3300

SALVATION ARMY  
DAUPHIN WAY LODGE  
1009 DAUPHIN STREET  
MOBILE, AL 36604  
251-438-7743

CHEMICAL ADDICTIONS PROGRAM, INC.  
1153 AIR BASE BOULEVARD  
MONTGOMERY, AL 36108  
334-265-2150

MEADHAVEN ADDICTIVE DISEASE PROGRAM  
BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER  
4101 C. WALL STREET  
MONTGOMERY, AL 36106  
334-260-3625

CAHABA CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL  
RETARDATION  
1017 MEDICAL CENTER PARKWAY  
SELMA, AL 36701  
334-874-2600

STALLINGS SUBSTANCE ABUSE CENTER  
Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center  
3701 Loop Road, Bldg. #1, 3rd Floor  
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35403  
205-556-7620

BRADFORD HEALTH SERVICES  
1189 ALLBRITTON ROAD  
WARRIOR, AL 35180  
1-800-333-1865

### Florida

THE FRIARY  
4400 HICKORY SHORE BLVD  
GULF BREEZE, FL 32561  
1-800-332-2271

### Georgia

TALBOTT RECOVERY CAMPUS  
5448 YORKTOWNE DRIVE  
ATLANTA, GA 30349  
1-800-445-4232

*If you are concerned that you or a nurse you know is chemically dependent or abusing drugs or alcohol, contact the Board office. A recent study by the Board indicated that most nurses use or abuse substances for 10-15 years prior to the Board's involvement. Impaired nurses present a potential danger to patients—as well as to themselves. The Board staff is available to address chemical dependency issues... download a Speaker Request Form from the Board's web site, [www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us), and fax or mail to the Board office.*

### *A Nursing Memory*

*Rachel L. Benson, BSN  
1933-2001*

*Her heart was that of a servant,  
Her spirit was that of a missionary.  
Her actions were of compassion and empathy.  
Her work demonstrated patient advocacy.  
Her desire was to help others in need.  
Her love was patient care.  
She found her true calling in being a Nurse.*

*She prevented patient neglect.  
She provided patient understanding.  
She gave patients dignity and respect.  
She served others selflessly.  
Her nursing character we will miss and embrace.  
She was indeed a Nurse.*

*Submitted by Peggy Benson*

### *Post-Baccalaureate Scholarship*

Pursuant to Alabama Code §34-21-60, the Alabama Board of Nursing annually awards fifteen scholarships funded by appropriations from the Alabama Special Education Trust Fund. Scholarships are awarded on a fiscal year basis (October 1 through September 30) in the amount of \$3,800 dependent upon funding by the State legislature.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, a person must:

- Be a person of good character.
- Have an unencumbered Alabama nursing license.
- Have been a resident of Alabama for a period of **at least one year** immediately preceding the application and must submit two proofs of residency.
- Have been **admitted** to a graduate program seeking a **master's or doctorate degree in nursing** in an accredited **school of nursing in Alabama**. Verification of acceptance is required.
- Hold a **baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN)** from an accredited school of nursing. An official copy of the transcript is required.
- Attend school on a continuous **full-time basis during the year of the scholarship funding**. Full-time is considered eight quarter hours or six semester hours.
- Agree to practice professional nursing in Alabama for at least one year immediately following graduation.

One must submit a completed application, including required documents, before **June 1**.

Applications are available for downloading from our web site, [www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us), or contact Ron Lazenby, 1-800-656-5318.

## What You Need to Know About Online Renewal

- 1 What if I am selected for CE Audit? *You can still renew online and send your CE certificates to the Board office. Your renewal will be placed on hold until the CE certificates are received.*
- 2 If I have a "Yes" answer to a regulatory question, will I have to renew by mail? *No. You can renew online but the renewal will be placed on hold until the Board staff receives the appropriate documentation.*
- 3 Is there a fee to transact my renewal online? *Yes. A transaction fee of \$3.50 will be added to the total amount owed for renewal. The transaction fee is paid to NIC-USA to aid in covering their costs associated with development and maintenance of the online system. The Board of Nursing does not receive any money from the transaction fees.*
- 4 What if I don't have access to the Internet? *Alabama public libraries provide Internet access. Also, check with your employer to see if Internet access is available through your work site.*
- 5 How will I know the Board received my renewal? *A confirmation number is provided at the end of the transaction. You can reference the confirmation number if you have questions about your renewal.*
- 6 How long will it take for me to receive my license card? *About 10 days after you renew. The license cards are currently printed in Chicago and the vendor will receive daily notification from the Board about approved licenses.*
- 7 I am an advanced practice nurse. Can I renew online? *Yes. All categories of licensed nurses will be able to renew online.*
- 8 What if my address changes? *You can go online and change your address without charge. If you have a name change, you will need to submit official documents—copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or probate papers.*
- 9 What credit cards will be accepted for payment? *A valid Visa or MasterCard.*
- 10 Will I be able to walk-in to the Board office to renew and still pay with a credit card? *Yes. We will have a computer set up so if you decide to come to the Board office to renew your license, you can still renew with a credit card. We will **not** accept credit cards by telephone.*

## *Advisory Councils*

The Board has several advisory councils working on various projects. In 2001, a continuing education advisory council proposed changes to the CE rules and refresher course guidelines. (Refresher course guidelines are posted on the web, [www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us)). The Board appreciates the hard work of all the volunteers. If you are interested in serving on an advisory council, notify the Board office.

### 2001 CE Advisory Council Members

Diane Buntyn, RNC, MSN, OCN	Penne Mott, MSN, CRNP
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*Many of these individuals participated in reviewing proposed changes to the Education Rules. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! Once the Education Rules review occurred, the group was divided into the three areas listed above. Practice and education representatives are on each group. We are looking for consumers...if you know a consumer who would be interested in serving, please contact Genell Lee at 1-800-656-5318, 334-242-4184 or via electronic mail at [glee@abn.state.al.us](mailto:glee@abn.state.al.us).*

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## ***Change of Address***

### **MOVING? BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OFFICE**

*Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code, Rule 610-X-4-.12, requires all licensees to keep the Board informed of a current mailing address. The form below has been prepared to assist licensees in keeping us informed of address changes. If you change your address, please complete and clip out the form and return it to: Alabama Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900*

<i>Name:</i>	<i>License Number:</i>
<i>Old Address:</i>	<i>Telephone Number:</i>
<i>New Address:</i>	<i>County:</i>
<i>New Address:</i>	<i>E-mail Address:</i>